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SUBJECT:REPRESENTATION ON EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC) OF
UNESCO

1. AT IOC VIII ASSEMBLY (NOV. 1973) LDC'S MADE STRONG,
ALTHOUGH NOT VERY SUCCESSFUL PUSH, TO INCREASE THEIR
REPRESENTATION ON THE IOC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. AT THE END
OF THE ASSEMBLY THE FRENCH DELEGATE ANNOUNCED THAT HER
COUNTRY WOULD PROPOSE AT THE NEXT ASSEMBLY THAT THE TOTAL
NUMBER OF SEATS ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BE INCREASED SO
THAT THE LDC REPRESENTATION COULD BE INCREASED. ALTHOUGH
NOT STATED PUBLICLY OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (INCLUDING
U.S.) GENERALLY AGREED WITH FRANCE'S STATEMENT.

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2. THREE OF THE LDC'S ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

INDIA, KENYA AND SENEGAL, DID NOT ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING
IN OTTAWA (17-22 JUNE).

3. DURING VIII ASSEMBLY, U.S. DELEGATION WAS REPEATEDLY
ASSURED BY MR. KRISHNAMURTI THAT INDIAN DELEGATE
(DR. KASSIM) WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
MEETINGS.

4. SENEGALESE REPRESENTATIVE (DIOP) APPARENTLY INTENDED

TO GO TO OTTAWA BUT DEATH IN FAMILY REQUIRED HIS
IMMEDIATE RETURN HOME. FYI: WE UNDERSTAND FROM IOC
SECRETARY THAT SENEGAL REQUESTED IOC FUNDING FOR THEIR
REP TO ATTEND. IOC REFUSED POINTING OUT THAT EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL IS AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL (CATEGORY II) MEETING.
USG SUPPORTS IOC IN THIS. END FYI.

5. AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE, THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE
NOW HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ON INCREASING THE SIZE OF THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. AS DELEGATE OF FRANCE SAID AT END OF
RECENT COUNCIL MEETING, SHE COULD SEE NO NEED TO INCREASE
THE NUMBER OF EMPTY CHAIRS AT COUNCIL MEETING.

6. US PERMDEL TO UNESCO HAS DISCUSSED ABOVE WITH INDIAN
AND SENEGOLESE PERMDELS AND HAS BEEN ASSURED THAT THEIR
GOVERNMENTS CONTINUE TO ATTACHE GREAT IMPORTANCE TO
PARTICIPATION IN IOC.

7. ACTION: EMBASSIES REQUESTED TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF
GOI AND GOS REPRESENTATION AT NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
MEETING, 3-8 MARCH 1975 IN VENICE WITH APPROPRIATE GOI
AND GOS OFFICIALS. EMBASSIES SHOULD STATE THAT USG
RECOGNIZES THAT LIMITED NUMBER OF EXPERTS IN OCEANOGRAPHY
MAY MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR GOI AND GOS TO SEND REPRESENTA-
TIVES. HOWEVER, USG FEELS THAT EACH GOVERNMENT
SHOULD FULFILL THE OBLIGATIONS THEY AGREE TO UNDERTAKE.
EMBASSIES SHOULD NOTE THAT USG HOPES GOI AND GOS WILL MAKE
EVERY EFFORT TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES.

8. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY BEING SENT ACTION COA. KISSINGER
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